



CASCADE ECHOES

League of Women Voters of Deschutes County



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www.lwvdeschutes.org/index.htm

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CALENDAR FOR MAY and JUNE 2010

MAY

5 Collating and stuffing material into folders for the Council delegates at Kim Smith's home, at **1 pm**. Kim's address is 3211 NW Starview Dr., 382-2660

6 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON: Jim Lussier, former CEO of St.Charles Medical Center about the ongoing division in the health care community 11:30 am to 1 pm at King Buffet.

13 Board Meeting 10am at the County Building, Lyons room. All members welcome.

15-16 LWVOR Council, Riverhouse Hotel and Convention Center in Bend. "90 Years of Making a Difference"

JUNE

3 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON ,John Kroger, State Attorney General will speak about 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at King Buffet. See back page.

10 Board Meeting. 10am at the County Building, Lyons room. All members welcome

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<i>Special Events.....</i>	<i>Kim Smith,382-2660 & Eve McFarland,</i>	<i>389-5682</i>

President's Message

Great Annual Meeting thanks to Sara and Jim Langton and all those in attendance. We talked, ate and labled. A big thanks to all the old and new board members for their dedication to the League.

Looking at a very busy calendar in May. We have a State Council work party on May 5, First Thursday Luncheon on May 6, Board Meeting on May 13, and State Council on May 14-16 (in Bend). Mark your calendar so you can enjoy all these events. Happy Spring weather. Anita Elliott, co-president

State Council Meeting May 14-16, 2010

This year our local League is the host for the State Council Meeting to be held on May 15 & 16 at the Riverhouse Hotel in Bend. Delegates from all Leagues in Oregon will be coming here. Each League may have two delegates: the president plus one other member. Additional members may attend as observers. We will have Anita Elliott and Kim Smith as our delegates.

Because we are the host League we want to do everything we can to make everyone feel welcome. On Friday evening, May 14, we plan to have a Dine-Around for those delegates who arrive early. This will involve providing hosts/escorts to 5 or 6 restaurants. If you'd be interested in being an escort, please let me know. We could use a few more people.

We will also need help collating and stuffing material into folders for the delegates. We plan to meet at Kim Smith's home on **Wednesday, May 5, at 1 pm** to prepare the folders of local information for the delegates. If you can, we would appreciate your help.

We have some terrific decorations planned for the tables, thanks to **Kim Smith**, and her committee. Even if you don't attend the meeting, you really should come to the Riverhouse just to see the wonderful decorations.

Also, **Denise Mahoney** has designed the cover for the workbook and folder for the council and has very generously donated two original paintings for us to use for a Silent Auction during Council. If you wish to make a bid please let us know soon. These are really lovely and will be quite sought after.

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FROM the STATE LEAGUE OFFICE

Hello all,

This is a message from your intern in the LWVOR office, Liliana. In honor of the League's 90th birthday I'm currently working on a project to compile a history of the League's last 15 years. I've read about the issues that the League has worked to support and oppose and I've read about the everyday events that keep the League moving like fundraisers and celebrations. The things I've read have been fascinating, but they've only been on paper. And now I would like to ask you to help to make this project something that stands off the page.

In an effort to make this written history into something that speaks to those who read it, I would like to include your comments and stories about the events of the last 15 years.

I've put together a few prompts to find out about the events and issues that have been most important for League members since 1995. Please take a few minutes sometime in the next couple weeks to respond to some or all of the questions listed below.

- * Have you participated in any League studies at the local, state, or national level?
- * If so, which one(s) were most memorable for you?
- * What did you enjoy most about the process?
- * In your opinion, how did these League studies affect local, state, or national policies or events?
- * What local, state, or national issues have had the biggest impact on League activities? (Important ballot measure, current affairs, etc.)
- * Are there any League-sponsored events from the past 15 years that stand out in your mind?
- * Have you participated in Action side of the League?
- * What issues have you worked on?
- * Which issues do you think were most important or interesting?
- * How do you feel that the League lobbying efforts have affected local, state, and/or national policies?
- * Have you participated in any Voter Service activities?
- * If so, which one(s)?
- * Which was the most interesting?
- * How have these services impacted the community?
- * Are there any issues or studies that you would like to pursue in the next 15 years?

Thanks so much for your time,
Liliana Gaitán
Willamette '10

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

JIM LUSSIER is founder and principle consultant with *The Lussier Center/TLC* which is focused on the quest for personal and organizational performance excellence through the development of optimum governance and leadership that creates a preferred future for their organizations.

Mr. Lussier has focused his professional life on high performance organizations for over 36 years. He has served at executive level and as a CEO in healthcare organizations and provided counsel and training to hospitals and health systems in Netherlands, Africa, Japan, Canada and the United States. He has consulted with the University of Pittsburgh, The American Hospital Association and is currently serving as the Research & Development Chair for the Facilities Guidelines Institute in conjunction with the American Institute of Architecture. He also serves as a consultant with Transformation Systems International/The Performance Center.

Mr. Lussier advocates for the transformation of healthcare and speaks internationally on organizational and personal leadership, transformational healing healthcare design and the development of integrated health systems designed to improve community health status. He presents Board of Director governance effectiveness & leadership development programs and counsel across the country to educational, healthcare and community boards and staff. Mr. Lussier is a guest lecturer for Concordia, Oregon State University and other organizations. He counsels numerous business organizations in the development of performance excellence utilizing the Baldrige National Quality Award program criteria and was a Baldrige program examiner in 2004.

He served on the Board of Directors of Cascade Healthcare Community (CHC) where he was President/CEO for fifteen years until July 1, 2004 and as President Emeritus until 2006. CHC operates St. Charles Medical Center and St. Charles Medical Center-Redmond, Oregon. Jim has been employed in health care for over 36 years in a variety of capacities. Under his leadership, St. Charles ranked as one of the nation's "Top 100" hospitals in recent years, is noted for its excellence, patient-focus and healing health care, as one of the "Top 40" places to work in Oregon and was a recipient of the "Oregon Quality Award." He remains on the St. Charles Foundation Board of Directors.

Mr. Lussier is an active member of seven boards and commissions. He has previously served as both member and President of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, overseeing the seven public Universities in Oregon and the Oregon Health Policy Commission.

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON TOPIC

Jim Lussier, former President/CEO of Cascade Healthcare Community **regarding the Integration of Health Care Services in Central Oregon.** He will also cover the following topics:

-Some historical background as to how the adversarial positions of the health care stakeholders in Central Oregon have developed.

-Whether the divisions between the physicians who have joined the Physicians Hospital Alignment for Central Oregon and the physicians who have united to serve as a counterbalance to the hospital system are good for patient care in Central Oregon.

Do these divisions affect a patient's ability to choose a provider among the stakeholders?

-Does this rivalry among providers lead to duplication of diagnostic tools (X-RAYS, CAT SCANS, BONE DENSITY SCANS, LABS, SURGERY CENTERS, ETC.) which could result in higher costs to the patient?

-Historically, what attempts have been made to bring all the stakeholders together to try to solve what the public could perceive as a problem?

Marie and Bob Nadis Memorial

There is still time to make a contribution.

Make out checks to LWVDC. Send to

Pat Gibson, 19530 Mammoth Dr., Bend,

97702. A very special thank you to all

who have already contributed.

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FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

MAY 6, 2010

Jim Lussier,

former CEO of St.Charles Medical Center

*will speak about **the Integration of Health Care Services in
Central Oregon.***

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at King Buffet (formerly J.J.North's)

2050 N.E. Third St., Bend (behind McDonald's)